



THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF HADDONFIELD

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ABOUT OUR MAY MEETING.....

Thursday, May 15, will be our next General Meeting at 8 p.m. in the Borough Hall and it promises to be a busy and important one. At this time, the membership will be asked to vote on changes in the Constitution and By-laws of the Historical Society of Haddonfield. Over the years with numerous additions our By-laws have become somewhat unweildy and these proposed changes are an effort to get back to "basics" and will eventually be supplemented by a Procedure Manual which will detail duties and less important specifics pertinent to the Society. Please make this meeting a must on your calendar!

In addition, we have planned a brief but interesting program for our members to enjoy. Some many years ago one Mrs. Gustavous (Sarah) Murray wrote some fascinating papers on the lives of some of our former residents of Haddonfield and Pat Lennon has consented to introduce us to some of these personalities. From our Library, Kathy Tassini will have some old maps which have recently come to light as well as other documents of interest. The maps show some interesting facts about our town's origin and lay-out. Finally, we will have displayed some of the acquisitions of the Society for the members to enjoy and which will show just a few of the wonderful articles to be seen at Greenfield Hall. We hope that this has sufficiently whet your appetite to want to come and be a part of this most important meeting.

Mary Carll - Programs

COME TO THE FAIR JUNE 7, 1986

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Greenfield Hall

Dinosaurs will be the theme of the village fair in honor of Haddonfield's own Hadrasauras. Co-chairpersons Mabel Kay and Dr. Sherred have planned an extraordinary day for you to enjoy. There will be commemoratives, samplers, and a clothes line art exhibit featuring dinosaurs. Tea and strawberry tarts will be served on the terrace.

Look over your recipes and offer your special baked goods when members of the committee call you for donations. While you're doing your spring cleaning please put aside any items which can be sold for the benefit of the Society. Books, jewelry, plants, cuttings, appliances - all garage sale items are wanted and needed.

The garage behind Greenfield Hall will be open for two weeks prior to the village fair to accept donations. Stop in from May 27 to June 6 daily from 10 to 1 and on Saturday from 10 to 12.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Recently Monsignor Mullen of Christ the King Roman Catholic Church stopped in my office at the library. He had photocopies of some fascinating documents dating from the 1880's and 1890's. The documents were papers of incorporation and related items for a St. John's Roman Catholic Church, Haddonfield, N.J. I had never heard of such a church, and asking others, no one else had either. Surely this congregation never constructed a house of worship (Christ the King became the first Roman Catholic Church to be built in Haddonfield in 1935). I was also unable to identify any of the signers of the incorporation paper; none are listed in the Haddonfield city directories of that era.

This interesting question of local history accentuated how much there is to learn about the history of Haddonfield. Many mysteries are, no doubt, waiting to be unlocked in the library of the Historical Society. I invite the members of the Society to use the bountiful and unique resources of the Gertrude Hess Memorial Library. It is open Tuesday mornings 9:30 - 11:30, Thursday afternoons from 2-4 and now the 2nd Monday of each month from 7 - 9 p.m. And a special thank you to Kathy Tassini, Joe Hartel and Carol Simonson for their many hours of hard work to help organize the collections and for making them available to researchers.

Douglas B. Rauschenberger

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

It is with regret that we announce the multi-talented former president of the Society and long-time editor has decided to take things a bit easier. Dorothy B. McGlade has decided to resign as editor of the Historical Society Bulletin, but promises to remain an active member. Her dedication and involvement made members aware of the many facets of the Society, whatever their interests. Looking backward we see her many past achievements, but looking forward we know she has many plans for the Society's future.

Co-editors will be Betty and Stuart Lyons.

ARTS AND CRAFTS TABLES AVAILABLE

There are a limited number of tables available for \$15.00 if you want to sell arts and crafts at the village fair. The charge is \$15.00. Please contact Debbie Moore at 858-5486.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE WOMAN'S COMMITTEE

The Woman's Committee has a big job running the village fair on June 7, however throughout the year they are on the job with other special events such as the annual birthday tea in February and the Christmas craft day in December. Their support has been responsible for the many improvements in Greenfield Hall. They cordially invite you to join in their many activities.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF HADDONFIELD NEW JERSEY
PROPOSED
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I NAME AND PURPOSE

The name by which this corporation is to be known in law is HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF HADDONFIELD, NEW JERSEY. The purpose for which it is formed is the study of the history of the Borough of Haddonfield, in the County of Camden and the State of New Jersey; the study of organizations, societies, families, individuals and events; the collection and preservation of articles of historic value; the establishment and maintenance of a historical library; and the publication, from time to time, of such historical information as may be deemed expedient.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Society shall consist of such categories as may be appropriate. Any person upon the payment of the prescribed dues shall become a member of the Society. Such dues shall be adjusted from time to time as necessity requires.

ARTICLE III OFFICERS

The duties of the President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, and their Assistants, if any, shall be the usual duties pertaining to those offices. There shall be twelve Trustees.

SECTION 1 Term of Office

The Office of the President shall be filled by the Person of the First Vice-Presidency; all other Officers shall be elected annually. Four Trustees shall be elected annually for a term of three years.

SECTION 2 The Executive Council

The Officers, Trustees, the immediate Past-President and the Librarian shall constitute the Executive Council. In the event of the death or resignation of one of them the President, with the approval of the Council, shall appoint a member of the Society to complete the unexpired term.

SECTION 3 Organization

There shall be four Vice-Presidents:

The First Vice-President shall be responsible for the public programs of the Society in preparation for the assumption of the Presidency at the next annual election.

The Second Vice-President shall be responsible for the finances of the Society and shall, with the Treasurer and the chairman of the Woman's Committee, become the nucleus of the Finance Committee.

The Third Vice-President shall be responsible for the general support of the Society's activities, be Chairman of the Woman's Committee, and a member of the Finance Committee.

The Fourth Vice-President shall be responsible for the buildings, grounds and physical assets of the Society.

The Librarian shall be responsible for the operation of the Library, the acquisition of historical data as in Article I, and such Library equipment as historical research requires.

Each Vice-President shall have three Trustees to assist him with his responsibilities.

ARTICLE IV

MEETINGS

Section 1 - The Society

The meetings of the Society shall be held on the third Thursday of March, May, September and November, the latter being the Annual Meeting for the election of Officers and Trustees. In the event of a conflict of date or extraordinary occurrence the Executive Council will authorize a change in date. The Fiscal Year shall be from November first to October thirty-first.

Special meetings may be called by the President or any Vice-President acting in his stead, or by a written request of any three members of the Executive Council.

The Quorum for the meetings shall be twenty members.

Section 2 The Executive Council

The meetings of the Executive Council shall be at the call of the President as required to conduct the business of the Society. There shall be no less than four such meetings in a Fiscal Year. In the absence of the President any Vice-President shall call for a meeting. The quorum for a meeting of the Executive Council shall be eleven.

ARTICLE V

VOTING

Each member shall be entitled to one vote. The election of Officers and Trustees at the Annual Meeting shall be by voice vote, unless, upon a motion duly made and passed by a two-thirds vote of the members present, it is directed that the balloting be by written ballot. Ordinary business submitted to the membership for decision shall be decided by the majority of those present. (See Article IX - Amendments). Except for amendments to the Constitution and By-laws, and the Dissolution of the Society, decisions of the Executive Council shall be by majority vote of those present.

ARTICLE VI

COMMITTEES

Committee Chairmen are appointed annually by the President. Such Standing Committees as may be required to carry out the business of the Society shall be established. Special committees as may be needed from time to time may also be appointed.

ARTICLE VII

LIBRARIAN

The Librarian shall be selected by the Executive Council. Such person should be professionally qualified, or should have demonstrated from past experience and current knowledge the ability to supervise the organization and use of historical material. The Librarian shall be a member of the Executive Council.

ARTICLE VIII

NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members of the Society and shall be appointed by the President before March first. Said committee shall submit to the Executive Council before September first the list of members by them nominated for the several Offices and Trustees to be elected at the next Annual Meeting. This list must be submitted to the membership before November first. Additional seconded nominations from the floor of the Annual Meeting shall receive the same consideration in the balloting as those submitted by the nominating committee.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS

The Constitution and By-laws of the Society may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any meeting of the Society convened at least two weeks after such amendment was first proposed in writing to the Society members.

ARTICLE X

DISSOLUTION

In the event that the dissolution of the Society becomes necessary the assets of the Society, after all debts are paid, shall be distributed to one or more non-profit organizations of historical purpose in accordance with the then applicable statutes of the State of New Jersey and The United States of America.

ARTICLE XI

OPERATION

The day to day operation of the Society shall be conducted under Standard Operating Procedures as determined by a majority vote of the Executive Council.

ARTICLE XII

TRANSITION

Upon the adoption of this Constitution and By-laws the current Officers and Trustees will complete the terms for which elected. Unexpired terms created by death or resignation will be filled in accordance with this Constitution and By-laws. This transition Article XII will be removed without further action at the Annual Meeting November 1988.

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SPECIAL REMINDERS

The above by-laws will be reviewed on May 15 at the Borough Hall at 8 p.m.

Your attendance at the village fair on June 7 from 10 to 4 is requested.

If you have any nominees for officers, please call a committee member.

This is YOUR Society - please help!

GREENFIELD HALL OPEN 2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH

TO HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS:

Two key factors in today's model of the volunteer are commitment and flexibility. People are still the same; only their available time has changed. It has shrunk!

We at the Historical Society of Haddonfield have defined our commitment as the study of the history of the Borough of Haddonfield, the study of the organizations, societies, families, individuals and events; the collection and preservation of articles of historic value and the establishment and maintenance of a historical library. Our members are realizing a new flexibility is necessary in implementing traditional concepts.

The Education Committee is very excited about offering you a new opportunity for historical research and study available to all members of our organization. Greenfield Hall and our library will be open the second Monday evening of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. beginning April 14, 1986. A librarian will be on duty to make documentation available and to make suggestions for potential research topics. Also, a hostess will be on hand to give tours to anyone interested in seeing Greenfield Hall.

Evening hours have been chosen by your Board of Trustees to give the membership a chance to investigate our archives. This time is in addition to our regular Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon hours.

In order to continue tradition in our Historical Society we actively seek the volunteer who has personal research to do, who wishes to grow himself and provide an opportunity for others to grow, and who wants to improve existing programs such as "History Come Alive".

Please come out and participate in our research nights.

Diane Snodgrass

ECHOES OF THE PAST

We hope everyone saw the beautiful cherry trees blooming in front of the Haddonfield Public Library. This beautiful spring display has been happening for fifty four years. It was on April 23, 1932 that fourteen cherry trees, four scarlet oaks and one white oak were planted to honor George Washington during his bicentennial birthday year. One of the cherry trees was donated by the Historical Society of Haddonfield, while other organizations in the Borough were also responsible for helping create a spectacular flowering spring in the Borough.

On July 26, 1888 a great carnival was held on Evans' Lake. Colored Chinese lanterns lit the boats and boat houses, while ladies and gentlemen in fancy costumes rowed behind a four-oared barge and watched an extraordinary display of fireworks.

HADDONFIELD'S HISTORY

The first time the name is mentioned is in meeting records of the 12th month, 12th day in 1721. They began "At a monthly meeting held in our new Meeting House at Haddonfield in the township of Newton, in Gloucester County, in Province of New Jersey". At that time there was a hard fought contest for an Assembly seat between Dr. Daniel Cox and John Kay. The box for accepting votes had been originally set up in a field near John Kay's home. The Sheriff, William Harrison, was a supporter of Dr. Cox and felt he had a better chance if the balloting were moved, so acting without orders he moved the operation to William Cooper's house. The Assembly reprimanded him, but his candidate won handily.

In what we now know as the Indian King the Provincial Congress and the Council of Safety of New Jersey met during the Revolutionary War years of 1776 and 1777. They adopted important legislation relating to changes from a colonial to a state government and passed ordinances and resolutions for the prosecution of the war.

Many prominent military officers - American, Hessian and British - were quartered in the area, which was invaded by General Howe's army, some of General Washington's troops and companies of the New Jersey militia.

The Indian King was built by Mathias Aspden in 1750. He was a wealthy Philadelphia ship owner and merchant. Hugh Creighton became the owner in 1777 and perhaps he is known best for the fact that he had a beautiful niece, Dolly Payne, who became the wife of James Madison, President of the United States.

However, politics entered the Creighton family in another way. Hugh and Mary McCulloch French Creighton had one child, Mary. She was born in 1762 and married Dr. James Stratton of Swedesboro in 1787. Their son, Charles G. Stratton, was the first governor of New Jersey under the Constitution of 1844.

Timothy Matlack, secretary of the Continental Congress, and one of the founders of the "Free Quakers" was born in the Indian King. It became known as the American House in 1850.

There were three well known mills in the vicinity of Haddonfield - the Haddon Mill, the Hopkins' Mill and Kay's Mill.

Kay Mill was the oldest of the grain mills; the Haddon Mill was later called Tommy Githen's plaster mill because the blacksmith, Thomas Githens, owned it. The Hopkins' Mill was built for John Estaugh Hopkins in 1790 by William Ellis

There are many interesting stories about Haddonfield. The editors invite your participation in sharing some of these facts with your neighbors. Contributions and suggestions will be appreciated.

Dear Member -

It's nomination time again. As chairman of your nomination committee, I would like to reach out to all of our newer members whom I do not know. I also do not know your gifts, talents and interests. Your nominating committee would like to hear from you. We realize that time in the '80s is very dear. Serving your Historical Society can be extremely rewarding; it is as time consuming as you wish to make it. Do consider volunteering your time in the area of your expertise.

All "old faithfuls" are not to feel excluded by this appeal to our new friends. Just think we shall have more help.

This year we are looking for four (4) Trustees to serve a three year term. You will be expected to assist a Vice President to specified responsibilities.

As well we shall be nominating a program V.P., a finance V.P. and a building and grounds V.P.

We hope that you are interested. If you wish to place a name in front of your nomination's committee for consideration - and it may be your own - please make sure your "suggestion" is willing first, and then call one of us as soon as possible. This process must be completed by the beginning of June due to summer commitments. We are here to serve you and your Historical Society.

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